

**Developmental Disabilities Council**  
**Policy & Law Committee Minutes**  
**December 4, 2019**  
**DDDS Fox Run, 2540 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear DE OR**  
**DDC Office, 410 Federal Street, Dover DE**

**Members Present:** Rick Kosmalski (Chair), Terri Hancharick, Nancy Lemus, Bill Powell, Daniese McMullin-Powell

**Members Absent:** Maitri Campbell, Derrick George

**Staff present:** Stefanie Lancaster

**I. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda -** Rick Kosmalski called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. a.m. The committee reviewed the agenda and voted to approve without any further discussion.

**II. Review of position statements – recommendations of edits needed to each**

- 1. Subminimum wage**
- 2. Housing**

After little discussion, the committee reviewed the new draft of the above Position Statements that the Council will vote on during the Council meeting immediately following this meeting. The committee approved the new draft. Rick will present the new draft of the position statements to full Council for final approval at the Council meeting. Once approved, DDC staff will post these on the DDC Website page.

**III. Approval at committee level on DDC's top 3 priorities to focus on this upcoming Legislative session. Below is the notes taken from the November P&L meeting. Vote will be taken by full Council as well to proceed with these areas of focus.** – The committee reviewed the information below. This topic will be discussed at the Council meeting this evening.

- 1. Personal Care Attendant and Direct Support Professional Care for Individuals with Disabilities**
- 2. Emergency Backup Pay Equity for all Personal Care Attendants**
- 3. American Sign Language – qualified/certified in the language they are interpreting**
- 4. Ending Institutional Bias**

**IV. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.